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FOR: **DETECTION OF VERY LOW QUANTITIES  
OF ANALYTE BOUND TO A SOLID PHASE**

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Sir:

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- ☐ given for each listed item.
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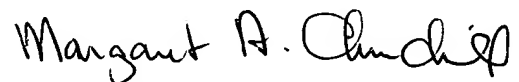
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